

Summary of Telephone Interview of July 14, 2008

1. A pre-arranged telephone interview was conducted on July 14, 2008, commencing at 9.30 am, between the Examiner newly appointed to this application (Examiner Michael A Brown), the Agent of Record (John V Stewart) and Applicant's British patent attorney (Ken Targett).
2. A paper entitled "Purpose and Content of Requested Telephonic Interview in Response to Final Action of 03-18-2008" had already been emailed to the Examiner, and had been considered by the Examiner.
3. The substance of the 35 USC 112 rejection was discussed, but no conclusion was reached.
4. Applicant's Agent submitted that the phrase which is the subject of the 35 USC 112 rejection had always been present in the claims of the application and that the 35 USC 112 rejection had therefore not been necessitated by the Applicant's previous amendment. Accordingly, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the finality of the third office action mailed March 18, 2008.
5. The Examiner proposed to consider the application in detail and to issue a further office action.
6. The agent of record and Applicant's British patent attorney agreed to this course of action.